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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

August 8, 1986
(House)

H.R. 2889 - Computer Security Act of 1986
(Glickman (D) Kansas and 10 others)

The Administration is in favor of improved computer security and the President has asked the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency to place high priority on increasing the effectiveness of Federal efforts in this area.

The Administration, however, opposes enactment of H.R. 2889, because it mandates unwarranted and highly burdensome changes in government policy toward maintaining computer security. If this bill were to reach the President's desk, the President's Senior Advisors would recommend disapproval.

Specifically, current law authorizes, and Presidential and OMB directives require, agencies to establish computer security programs, including training of personnel. The process required by H.R. 2889 is paperwork intensive, quite expensive, and unlikely to result in significantly greater security of these efforts. The guidelines and standards governing computer security systems required by the bill are already being carried out under existing authority.

In addition there are other provisions contained in H.R. 2889 that the Administration finds objectionable.

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